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**SUBJECT: HARBOR-UCLA IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY STATUS
CORRECTIVE ACTION**

As you know, the Department is taking a number of actions to address the "immediate jeopardy" citation that was issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a result of certain emergency room conditions which included overcrowding, delays in triage, and the reassessment of patients.

One of the critical elements of our Corrective Action Plan is to expand emergency physician capacity in Harbor-UCLA's emergency room. Therefore, I am requesting that California Emergency Physicians Medical Group (CEP), currently providing contract physician services at the Urgent Care Center for Martin Luther King, Jr. Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center provide extended emergency physician coverage at Harbor-UCLA on a twenty-four hour, seven days-a-week (24/7) basis.

The Department has asked the Internal Services Department to issue a temporary Purchase Order for these services to begin on Wednesday, February 13, 2008. We will prepare an amendment to the Agreement with CEP for your Board's approval on the February 26, 2008 agenda to ensure continuation of these critical services at Harbor-UCLA.

The Department has discussed and reviewed this action with the Chief Executive Officer and County Counsel, and they concur with this course of action.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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